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FOR RICHARDSON FROM AMBASSADOR

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SUBJ: CULTURAL AFFAIRS COUNTRY PLAN FOR INDIA

1. I HAVE JUST GIVEN MY NIHIL OBSTAT TO A LONG USIS MESSAGE
(FM NO. 11 OF MAY 9) SETTING FORTH THE CU COUNTRY PLAN
PROPOSAL FOR INDIA AS REQUIRED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

2. I APPRECIATE THAT YOU NEED A PLANNING DOCUMENT FOR
INDIA, AND SAW NO REASON TO DELAY IN SENDING YOU ONE.
IT'S ALSO A COMPETENT PIECE OF WORK.

3. HOWEVER, AS YOU KNOW, WE HAVE UNDERTAKEN WITHIN
THE MISSION A FULL- SCALE REVIEW OF ALL USIS ACTIVITIES
AND ALL AGENCIES' EXCHANGE PROGRAMS AS WELL. THIS IS
PROMPTED BY (A) MY OWN VIEWS, (B) THE IMMINENT ARRIVAL
OF PAO HEMSING, (C) THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE USIS
INSPECTORS, AND (D) THE ONSET OF RUPEE NEGOTIATIONS.

4. PLEASE THEREFORE ANTICIPATE SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES IN
OUR CU PLANS DURING THE COURSE OF FY '74 AND PLEASE KEEP
COMMITMENTS AS FLEXIBLE AS HUMANLY POSSIBLE. MOREOVER,
I URGE YOU TO PAY MINIMAL HEED TO OUR FY '75 PROJECTIONS .
THESE ARE SIMPLY EXTRAPOLATIONS FROM PAST ACTIVITIES,
AND DO NOT NECESSARILY BEAR MUCH RELATION TO THE
PROPOSALS WE SHALL BE PLACING ON YOUR DESK WITH A FEW
MONTHS.

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